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## TRUMP SAYS TRAVEL BAN IS KEY FOR SECURITY

President Donald Trump cast his travel ban on people from seven Muslim-majority countries as a key element of national security, hours before a federal appeals court is set to consider his most divisive action since taking office last month. The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco is to hear arguments later in the day from Justice Department lawyers and opposing attorneys



for the states of Washington and Minnesota about whether to restore the ban. "I actually can't believe that we're having to fight to protect the security, in a court system, to protect the security of our nation," Trump said at an event with sheriffs at the White House on Tuesday. **REUTERS**

## ARMY TO GRANT FINAL PERMIT FOR PIPELINE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will grant the final easement needed to finish the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline. The line had been delayed for several months after protests from Native American tribes and climate activists. The \$3.8 billion line, which is being built by Energy Transfer Partners, needed a final permit to tunnel under Lake Oahe, a reservoir that is part of the Missouri River. The

Standing Rock Sioux tribe, whose reservation is adjacent to the line's route, has said it will fight the decision. The Army Corps had previously stated that it would undertake further environmental review of the project. The 1,170-mile line will bring crude oil from North Dakota's Bakken shale region to Patoka, Illinois, and from there connect to the Gulf of Mexico, where many U.S. refineries are located. **REUTERS**

## 'THIS-YEAR PRIORITY': REVAMPING DODD-FRANK

The chairman of the U.S. Financial Services Committee told CNBC on Tuesday that revamping the 2010 Dodd-Frank Wall Street reform law remained a "this-year priority" for President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and House Speaker Paul Ryan. Republican Rep. Jeb Hensarling said he would soon reintroduce his legislation that gives banks a choice between



complying with Dodd-Frank and holding more capital. While the bill is expected to easily pass the Republican-led House, it will face resistance in the Senate, where Democrats hold enough seats to filibuster. Pence can cast votes to break ties on legislation. **REUTERS**

## TORNADOES RIP THROUGH NEW ORLEANS, 25 INJURED

A police officer walks through a damaged gas station along Chef Menture Avenue after a tornado touched down in the eastern part of New Orleans on Tuesday. According to the weather service, 25 people were injured in the aftermath of the tornado. **MORE ON PAGE 16 PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES**



A WOMAN HOLDS DOGS BY A MAKESHIFT LEASH AMONG THE DEBRIS LEFT BEHIND BY A TORNADO.

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

## SYRIA EXECUTES 13,000 AT MILITARY PRISON

The Syrian government executed up to 13,000 prisoners in mass hangings and carried out systematic torture at a military jail near Damascus, rights watchdog Amnesty International said. Amnesty said the executions took place between 2011 and 2015, but were probably still being carried out and amounted to war crimes. It called for a further investigation by the United Nations, which produced

a report last year with similar accusations also based on extensive witness testimonies. Syria's government and President Bashar al-Assad have rejected similar reports in the past of torture and extrajudicial killings in a civil war that has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives. The Amnesty report said an average of 20 to 50 people were hanged each week at the Sednaya military prison north of Damascus. **REUTERS**

## WELCOME TO METRO.US!

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Politics aside, Barack Obama is the only president cool enough to pull this off. Still enjoying some much needed R & R, Obama and his wife Michelle, like every famous person, decided to stop by the British Virgin Islands to visit Richard Branson. And like any former president and billionaire, they decided to duke it out on the water over kitesurfing and foilboarding. **Visit metro.us/viral** to watch what happens.



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# DeVos confirmed as education secretary in unprecedented vote

Two Republican senators and two independent senators joined Democrats to force a tie-breaking vote by the vice president.

President Donald Trump's choice of billionaire Betsy DeVos to be education secretary was confirmed Tuesday by the Senate, but only after Vice President Mike Pence was called in to break a tie that threatened to defeat her.

The tie-breaking vote, which Senate officials said was unprecedented to confirm a Cabinet nominee, followed an all-night debate on DeVos as Democrats tried to pressure at least one more Republican to oppose her and defeat the nomination.

Only two Republicans joined the 46 Democrats and two independents in opposition to DeVos. Critics have called her unprepared to lead the Department of Education after a rocky Senate confirmation hearing.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer immediately derided the proceeding.



Betsy DeVos participates in a swearing-in ceremony, officiated by Vice President Mike Pence. GETTY IMAGES

*"She disdains public education where 90 percent of our students are."*

Chuck Schumer

"This cabinet nom is so unqualified, so divisive, that @MikePenceVP had

to drive down Pennsylvania Ave to cast the deciding vote," he wrote in a

Twitter post after the vote.

Under the Constitution, the vice president also serves as president of the Senate, with the power to cast votes only when there are ties on nominations or legislation.

Trump tweeted his congratulations to the

nominee and Pence praised her. "Today's vote to confirm Education Secretary @BetsyDeVos was a vote for every child having a chance at a world-class education," the vice president wrote in a Twitter post.

Ultimately, only Re-

publican Sens Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska joined the Democrats and two independents in opposition to DeVos. That left 50 Republicans supporting her in the 100-member chamber.

Historically, Cabinet nominees with weak support in the Senate ask the president to withdraw their nomination, which DeVos did not do.

DeVos is married to the heir and former chief executive of Amway, which sells household and personal care items. She is also the daughter of the founders of Prince Corp., a Michigan car parts supplier, and sister of Erik Prince, the founder of the security company formerly known as Blackwater USA, now called Academi.

As Monday night's debate wound down, Schumer said of DeVos: "She disdains public education where 90 percent of our students are."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, urging her confirmation, said it was time to "end the unprecedented delay by Democrats" on the cabinet nominations by Trump. REUTERS

## Students stage protest against Trump, DeVos

Several hundred high school and college students walked out of class at noon on Tuesday to protest President Donald Trump's policies on a host of issues that they say promote "bigotry, hatred and prejudice."

The students gathered at Foley Square in Manhattan for a rally that coincided with the Senate's confirmation of Betsy DeVos as education secretary.

DeVos, widely criticized as unqualified for the position, became the first cabinet nominee in history to be confirmed by a tie-breaking vote cast by a vice president, who sits as president of the Senate. Vice President Mike Pence cast the deciding vote.

"Betsy DeVos was



Students marching in Lower Manhattan to denounce President Trump's policies. GETTY IMAGES

confirmed today despite her shameful inexperience and complete lack of understanding for the very job she seeks," one student speaker shouted into a loudspeaker, according to local news media.

DeVos, a Michigan billionaire, is viewed as

an advocate of "school choice" and a proponent of using tax dollars to finance Christian schools.

Organizers of Tuesday's rally used a Facebook posting titled, "Students Resist: A Walkout for a Better Tomorrow," to publicize the student walkout. Trump's

immigration orders were the primary focus of the protest, but organizers urged students to be watchful about the new president's actions.

"Even though there was a temporary halt on the Muslim ban," organizers wrote on Facebook, "we must remain vigilant. Focus on the next issue. Focus on the injustice that went unnoticed."

"This is a learning space. This is a classroom. This is a lesson in civic history," city Public Advocate Letitia James told the crowd, according to Gothamist. "Throughout history it's always been young people who have stood in the face of intolerance and indifference to demand tolerance and demand love."

GARY KANE

## Could DeVos' policies disadvantage students with disabilities?

Metro spoke with Mimi Corcoran, president and CEO of the National Center for Learning Disabilities, which is based in New York City, on the implications of Betsy DeVos' education reforms for disabled students.

### How would a system that favors funding for charter schools and vouchers affect students with disabilities?

A voucher is only good if it provides enough of the right resources, and we have to make sure there's due process for voucher allotment for the rights of students with disabilities. We need to make sure we are creating a free and appropriate education for them, and are not isolating them. Creating diverse environments are a key to success. One in five students have a disability, but given the right support and access they prove to be as intelligent and capable as any of their peers.

### Are you concerned about DeVos' apparent confusion about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) not being a federal law?

We put out a statement that it's a serious concern, but we believe this individual will work hard to build a team to provide her with the information she needs to be successful, and we have a whole team available to her that will help her on that journey to understanding.

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Karina Vetrano and her father Phil ALL IMAGES FACEBOOK

## Karina Vetrano's family seeks ideas on donating reward money

More than \$288K in reward money was raised since the 30-year-old was killed on Aug. 2.



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Just days after Karina Vetrano's body was found on a running path in Howard Beach last summer, her family set up a GoFundMe page to raise reward money to find her killer.

Now that a man has been arrested for the 30-year-old's death, her parents, Phil and Cathy Vetrano, are asking the public where they should donate the \$288,681 raised on the crowdfunding site.

"I want to thank all of you who have supported us so long. Now we can use all this money that you very generous people have donated," Phil wrote on the campaign's page on Monday. "I

mentioned in the beginning that we would use this money for charities that Karina would want. I would also like all of your input, you all donated and you should have a say. Message me and give an opinion."

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the ASPCA and a scholarship to her alma mater, Archbishop Molloy High School were among the suggestions, Vetrano wrote.

### A six-month quest ends

When Karina Vetrano didn't return home from a jog on Aug. 2, her father went looking for his daughter on her usual running path and discovered her body in a weeded area of Spring Creek Park.

She had been beaten, strangled and sexually assaulted, but evidence showed that she had put up a vigorous fight against her attacker.

For months, her

parents sought her killer. Last week, police arrested Chanel Lewis of Brooklyn. Lewis' DNA matched DNA found under Vetrano's nails, on her back and on her cellphone, police have said.

The DNA did not match any that had been in a database, but police questioned Lewis after an anonymous 911 call reported suspicious behavior. He willingly gave investigators a DNA sample, and he was arrested after police found a match, authorities said.

He was charged with second-degree murder and was ordered held without bail on Sunday. He faces 25 years in prison if convicted.

Investigators said Lewis did not know Vetrano prior to the attack. An official told ABC7 that Lewis, in a videotaped confession, said he was angry about something that had happened at his home and when he saw Vetrano running in the park that day, he "lost it."



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Three Bunnies from the Playboy Club in London. A New York location is slated to open later this year. PLAYBOY CLUB LONDON/FACEBOOK

# Bunnies are back: Playboy Club set to reopen in NYC

But how will it be received by women living in Trump's America?



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If all goes according to plan, a herd of bunnies is set to take over Times Square later this year.

No, we're not talking about flopsy bunny rabbits, we mean the more ... voluptuous kind.

After closing its New York location in 1986, the Playboy Club will reopen later this year on West 42nd Street, The Associated Press reported.

The club "will be one of the most chic and sophisticated venues in the world," John Vlautin, spokesman for Playboy Enterprises, said.

The club will be housed in the 107-room Cachet Boutique New York Hotel at the site of the former Out Hotel, which closed last year. It will feature a lounge, restaurant, game room and Bunnies, of course, who will reportedly wear an updated version of their "bunny suit," a corset, bunny ears, bowtie collar, cuffs and fluffy white tail.

Playboy founder Hugh Hefner opened the first of 30 Playboy Clubs in Chicago in 1960. New York's club opened two years later. After going defunct in 1991, the clubs first resurfaced in London in 2011, followed by several locations in India and one in Hanoi, Vietnam. A new one is slated to open in Shanghai this spring.

While the clubs may

harken back to an era glamorized by "Mad Men," it may be an unwelcome and objectifying nostalgia among many women living in President Donald Trump's America.

"Retro is in, but I'm not sure this type of retro," Pauline Frommer, publisher of Frommer's travel guidebooks, told the AP. "We live in this era when thousands of women are gathering in marches to protest. I'm not sure the zeitgeist is right for Playboy now."

Travel journalist Peter Greenberg agrees.

"The only way you could actually do this is, don't call it a new club; call it a museum and display the artifacts and Bunny outfits!" he said. "There's only one option: If they do it with a wink, a nod and a joke, and you go there to laugh."

Former Bunny Kathryn Leigh Scott, who started working at the New York club as a 19-year-old acting student, concedes that the clubs were "chauvinistic by today's standards," but "one felt protected. ... It was more paternalistic than chauvinistic."

Scott, who later appeared on "Dark Shadows," also wrote a history of the Playboy Club called "The Bunny Years" in 2011, in which she interviewed 300 former Bunnies.

No opening date has been confirmed, but Playboy Enterprises, Merchants Hospitality and Cachet Hospitality Group, who partnered on the hotel and club project, expects the first set of ears to be donned sometime later this year.

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# 'Ethics in Action' to spotlight Wall Street reform in public forum

"Every citizen needs to be better informed," said the leader of New York's Ethical Society.



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New Yorkers who think what happens on Wall Street only pertains to the so-called "1 percent" are encouraged to think again.

"The everyday person who's lucky enough to have a pension should be aware of what's happening on Wall Street," Dr. Anne Klaeysen of the New York Society for Ethical Culture told Metro. "And if you're involved in an

organization like an institution, church, synagogue or Ethical Society and you're lucky enough to have any endowments or ethical funds, you're also looking to Wall Street to see how to best invest those."

That's why the Ethical Society, or Ethical NYC, is beginning a conversation about Wall Street with a public forum for the February installment of its "Ethics in Action" series.

Moderated by noted author and Columbia University professor Jeffrey Sachs, the Thursday event features Ari Melber, chief legal correspondent for MSNBC; Sheelah Kolhatkar, a staff writer at The New Yorker and author of "Black Edge"; Judge

Jed Rakoff, U.S. district judge for the Southern District of New York and an adjunct law professor at Columbia Law School; and Bob Ivy, staff reporter at Bloomberg News and author of "The Seven Sins of Wall Street."

The panelists will have their discussion, which will cover the good, the bad, the moral and immoral of Wall Street, earlier in the day before coming to a consensus that will be presented to the audience at 6:30 p.m.

"We're excited not only about raising awareness for people, but giving people a vocabulary and language and a way to talk about it in a public square to make all these ethical issues part of the public discourse," Klaeysen



The Wall Street sign near the New York Stock Exchange. GETTY IMAGES

said.

Klaeysen was involved with Occupy Wall Street, and sees this discussion as "a continuation of that in the sense that we need to be better informed. 'We' meaning everyone. Every citizen needs to be better informed."

The timing couldn't

be better, as "we have so many Wall Street insiders that are going to be on [President Donald Trump's] Cabinet," she added. "There has to be transparency."

"Ethics in Action" is an expansion upon the work that Ethical NYC has done since Felix Adler founded the

society in 1876. The organization is "a congregational setting for humanists looking to lead ethical lives," a news release said, and it offers year-round programming. "Ethics in Action" runs through September. Its March 2 edition is "Climate Change and NYC."

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# US accuses firm of scamming 9/11 heroes and NFL retirees

A company that advances money to people awaiting settlement payouts was accused by New York and federal regulators of scamming sick responders to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, as well as National Football League retirees with brain injuries.

RD Legal Funding LLC and founder Roni Dersovitz allegedly cheated victims out of millions of dollars by deceiving them about the terms of the advances, according to a lawsuit filed on Tuesday by the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the office of New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

Victims of the Cresskill, New Jersey-based company allegedly included firefighters, police officers and other 9/11 first responders suffering from cancer, other respiratory illnesses, stress and depression.

They also allegedly included former NFL



Firefighters watch as smoke rises from the site of the World Trade Center collapse Sept. 11, 2001 in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

players suffering from Alzheimer's disease, dementia and other illnesses tied to head trauma, entitling them to money from the league's estimated \$1 billion class-action concussion settlement in 2015.

According to the lawsuit filed in Manhattan federal court, victims often ended up repaying more than double what they received upfront, at interest rates that could top 250 percent.

"RD Legal scammed 9/11 heroes and NFL

concussion victims out of millions of dollars," CFPB Director Richard Cordray said in a statement. "Our lawsuit seeks to end this illegal scheme and get money back to those entitled to receive it."

David Willingham, a lawyer for RD, in an email called the allegations "outrageous and without merit."

RD "did nothing more than provide immediate liquidity — in the form of an arm's length transaction — to people who voluntarily sought the benefits of early funding," he said.

Dersovitz was not immediately available for comment.

Regulators said RD would contact 9/11 first responders after learning they were eligible for the Zadroga Fund, set up by Congress to assist with medical costs and lost income, and promise to "cut through red tape" to get them paid faster. REUTERS



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# Why Aren't Doctors Telling About These Two Often

## *Two Advanced Medical Treatments Every Knee Arthritis Sufferer*

By **NY Pain MD**

**NY Pain MD is a medical clinic with locations in Midtown NYC and Uptown NYC that has treated thousands of knee arthritis and joint pain patients.**

**Here is what every knee arthritis sufferer should know about the best treatments and options available today. Including when and why you should consider each of these 2 treatment approaches to get maximum results.**

If you suffer with knee or other joint arthritis pain, you have probably already tried many treatments ... especially countless pain medications. Experienced doctors understand that, even though pain medications such as anti-inflammatory pain pills are part of the recommended early treatment plan for knee arthritis pain... they are rarely the answer over the longer term.

In most cases they have minimal results (if any) and have a laundry list of potential side effects. Some being serious and even life threatening.

### **Are There Any Better Options?**

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there are two very good options for knee arthritis to help relieve the pain.

*Two options that a lot of knee arthritis sufferers have never heard of.*

Before we get into the two treatments, please understand this...

**NY Pain MD** is a well established medical clinic that has treated thousands of knee arthritis sufferers and joint and back pain sufferers. Patients travel from all over the area and even several states away from NYC to be treated at one of their clinics because they want the best medical treatments available. What you are about to discover are two REAL medical treatments. Not miracle cures you see on infomercials or non-medical treatments promoted on the internet.

**Know this fact:** There is no cure for arthritis. But there are these two treatments that have already helped thousands of knee arthritis sufferers - possibly just like you.

The first treatment is more common than the second. Even if you have heard of this treatment - or even tried it without good results - please read this. You will find out why it may not have worked for you and how you may be able to get much better results.

### **#1**

#### **Viscosupplementation**

Viscosupplementation has gained quite a bit of popularity in recent years and it has gotten mixed results for a couple of reasons.

But before we get into that, here's what you need to know about viscosupplementation.

When you have arthritis, you suffer a decrease in the lubrication fluids in your knees.

In other words, your knee joints basically "dries up."

The lubricating fluid that decreases is called "synovial fluid." pharmaceutical companies (with the help of doctors) can now make **natural** synovial fluid gel-like compounds that, during viscosupplementation treatments. Doctors can precisely introduce directly into the knee and other joints.

This helps replace the lubricating fluid to the knee joint - allowing it to move more freely and smoothly and often decreasing or even eliminating the pain.

### **What Results Can Be Expected?**

Like all medical treatments, the results vary and can not be predicted. But many knee arthritis sufferers get dramatic results. It is not uncommon for patients to either postpone knee replacement surgery for years... or even permanently cancel it.

### **But There Is A BIG Problem**

The key is the treatment must be **EXTREMELY PRECISE**. If the procedure is slightly off, the medication will not get into the knee joint and the treatment will not work.

That's why the experts at **NY Pain MD** use Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology so they can actually see the lubricant going directly into the knee joint during the treatment.

Research shows that doctors performing joint injections without this technology can miss the joint as much as 30% of the time.

If you have tried viscosupplementation without this imaging technology without good results - this may be why.

That's why **NY Pain MD** takes it even one step further. They do not just use one step process of advanced imaging during treatment - they use two in their "double confirmation" process. This is to ensure patients get the best possible results.

### **Another Important Factor**

Viscosupplementation medications also come in several different "brands" and chemical make-ups. Just like all medications, some people respond better to one than another. So, the experts at **NY Pain MD** use several and great effort is taken to figure out what is the best one for YOU.

One last thing: The experts at **NY Pain MD** have found that earlier you start viscosupplementation the better.

This is most likely because the longer you wait - the more joint destruction takes place.

That's why **NY Pain MD** is now seeing so many patients as young as 35 to 40.

**Summary:** If you have knee arthritis pain and have not tried. Viscosupplementation you should look into it as soon as possible.

If you have tried it without good results, you may still be able to get great results with the proper imaging and specific medication.

### **What Should You Do If Viscosupplementation Fails?**

When conservative treatment, including viscosupplementation fails ... most knee arthritis sufferers believe their only option is total knee replacement surgery.

**This is not true...and here is why**

There is another treatment for serious knee arthritis pain most people (and even doctors) do not know about.

### **#2: Radiofrequency Treatment**

This treatment is technically called, "Radiofrequency Neurotomy." Or RF for short.

RF is a procedure that is based the theory that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.



# Knee Arthritis Sufferers Successful Treatments?

## *Needs To Know - Before Or After Knee Replacement Surgery*

Several branches of nerves that surround the knee are known as "genicular nerves."

Radiofrequency waves are delivered to the genicular nerves under advanced imaging to "block" the nerve from transmitting pain signals.

There are two distinct parts to this treatment. First, a test, diagnostic "G Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

If this first "test" procedure is successful, then one to two weeks later, Radio Frequency waves are applied for term relief.

### Is It Safe?

Research has shown this to provided significant relief for some patients. to procedure to be safe and effective.

One study published November 4, 2010 in the journal *Pain* found that RF treated subjects on average "achieved at least 50% knee pain relief at 1,4 and 12 weeks, respectively. No patient reported a post procedure adverse event during the follow-up period.

Some studies indicate some patients may get years of relief in some cases. "RF neurotomy (radio frequency treatment) of genicular nerves leads to

significant pain reduction and functional improvement in a subset of elderly chronic knee osteoarthritis pain, and thus may be an effective treatment in such cases."

It should also be mentioned that, like all procedures, results will vary patient to patient

### Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication and viscosupplementation do not offer good enough results.

*RF can be utilized before resorting to total knee replacement. RF allows many patients to avoid knee replacement surgery.*

**RF has also been found effective AFTER knee replacement surgery when the patient still feels pain.**

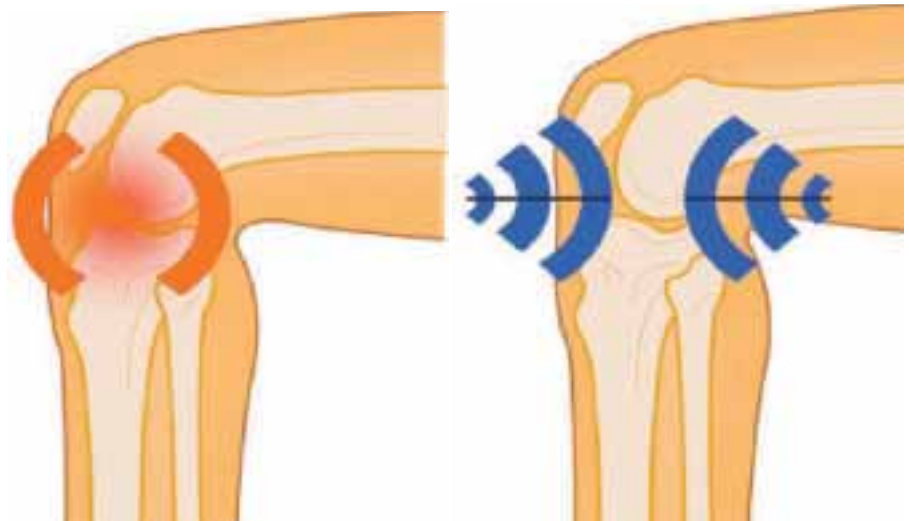
*The pain after a failed knee replacement surgery can be debilitating and this procedure can be the only thing that helps and give you relief.*

### What To Do Next If You Are In Pain

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

Many experts suggest choosing a medical clinic that offers all these treatments and has the proper, most advanced technology all under one roof.

## Advanced Treatment Uses Medical Radio Frequencies Waves To Relieve Pain



**Science rescues knee arthritis sufferers?: Radio Frequency Waves are used to block the nerve supply to the painful area and may alleviate pain and restore function to many. Many patients still in pain after a knee replacement may respond very well to these treatments allowing the possibility of avoiding additional surgery.**

This way, the doctors working on your case can give you a proper examination and advise the best possible treatment plan for your individual case.

Several experts work as a team to offer you the best treatment options at the appropriate time to maximize results. It is also very convenient to have all your doctors and treatments in one place. Traveling to different offices can be time consuming and even more expensive.

**NY Pain MD** believes this "X" factor is one of the reasons so many knee arthritis sufferers travel from all over to be treated at their advanced medical clinics.

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# Survey: Quarter of US tech workers perceive discrimination

About a quarter of U.S. workers in the technology sector, which has faced criticism for a lack of diversity, said they felt discrimination at their workplace in a survey released on Tuesday by job site Indeed.com.

The survey of 1,002 U.S. tech sector workers, conducted in December, found that 24 percent said they felt they had been discriminated against at their current companies due to their race, gender, age, religion or sexual orientation.

The national survey was conducted online by survey consulting firm Censuswide, which invited participants to opt in through an online newsletter. This was the first such survey by Indeed.

Some 29 percent of



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female respondents said they experienced discrimination compared with 21 percent of men. Some 32 percent of Asian and nonwhite employees said they were discriminated against, versus 22 percent of white employees.

The survey did not provide details surrounding the nature of the discrimination.

"These results should be seen as a wake-up call to the industry that simply striving to hire diverse talent is not enough:

culture and attitude need to be addressed," said Raj Mukherjee, senior vice president of product at Indeed.

Over the last three years Alphabet Inc's Google, Facebook Inc, Apple Inc and other major tech companies have released employee demographic data, adjusted recruiting strategies and offered training on unconscious bias.

Mukherjee added that companies should make greater efforts to include current employees in its diversity initiative, since 57 percent of respondents said they did not know what actions their company is taking to address the issue.

An additional 25 percent did not believe their companies were taking any action. REUTERS

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# Donald Trump Jr. takes over Washington hotel

A filing with the District of Columbia government last week showed that the younger Trump took over as president of the company that runs the luxury hotel as well as a restaurant and spa in the building.

Donald Trump Jr. has taken the reins of the Trump International Hotel near the White House after critics charged it was a conflict of interest for U.S. President Donald Trump to run the hotel while also running the federal government that is leasing the building to his company.

The filing left unresolved a controversy about Trump's leasing the Old Post Office, the historic government building that houses the hotel. Demo-



The Trump International Hotel in Washington D.C. GETTY IMAGES

crats have criticized the lease as a conflict of interest, and the agreement also has come under scrutiny from Representative Jason Chaffetz, the Utah Republican who heads the House of Representatives' Oversight Committee.

Chaffetz met Trump at the White House on Tuesday, and a spokesman for Chaffetz said they spoke about the lawmaker's reform agenda, including civil service and postal reforms.

Democratic lawmakers have said conflict-of-interest laws prohibit Trump, as president, from being both landlord and tenant of the hotel a few blocks

from the White House.

They have asked the General Services Administration, which oversees federal property, to clarify the status of the lease arrangement.

The hotel lease held by Trump Old Post Office LLC includes a standard provision barring members of Congress or other elected federal officials such as the president from having any part of it. Trump is the company's majority owner.

The Trump International Hotel has become a rallying point for anti-Trump protesters since it opened in September. Trump said last month he would keep ownership of his global business empire but hand over control to his two eldest sons, Donald Jr. and Eric.

Watchdogs have said the arrangement would not prevent conflicts of interest in the White House.

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# Tornadoes tear path of destruction through Louisiana

Six tornadoes tore through New Orleans and other parts of Louisiana on Tuesday, injuring at least 25 people as the storm roared across highways and streets, leveling trees, power lines and homes. Governor John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency throughout Louisiana, while search and rescue teams scoured the landscape for survivors. "The width of the devastation was unlike any that I have seen before," Edwards told a news conference. "When you see it from the air you're even more impressed that so few people were injured and that nobody's life was lost." The Louisiana National Guard said it was conducting search-and-rescue operations, looking for injured people who may be stranded, and assessing damage.

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A dog stands in debris left behind by a tornado in New Orleans.



A man walks through the debris of what was a motel on Chef Menteur Ave.

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## Madonna adopts twin girls from Malawi

Madonna just added two new baby girls to her brood.

The 58-year-old singer has adopted 4-year-old twins from Malawi, according to Yahoo News. The toddlers are from the Home of Hope orphanage in Mchinji.

A couple of weeks ago, Madonna denied that she was adopting, insisting that she was only in Malawi to

check in on her foundation, Raising Malawi. But I guess she just didn't want the press in her business, which honestly is a new move for the pop star. Y'all know how Madonna is always trying to start something. Remember her speech at the Women's March?

This, of course, isn't the first time she's adopted from Malawi. The toddlers will join

Madonna's adopted son, David, and daughter, Mercy James, both age 11 and adopted in 2008 and 2009, respectively. She also has a 16-year-old son, Rocco, with ex-husband Guy Ritchie, and 20-year-old daughter Lourdes with ex Carlos Leon.

That's a whole lot of kids for a woman pushing 60. Good luck, girl.

## Lena Dunham is on a Trump diet

Another day, another ignorant pull quote from y'all's fave.

Many people have noticed that Lena Dunham has recently lost some weight. She went on Howard Stern and revealed it's just part of the Trump diet she's been on these last few months.

According to People, The "Girls" creator and star stopped by Stern to drop some of her anecdotes that we all know and love so very much. "Donald Trump became president and I stopped being able to eat food," explained the 30-year-old. "Everyone's been asking like, 'What have you been doing?' And I'm like, 'Try soul-crushing pain and devastation and hopelessness and you, too, will lose weight.'" Ah, classic Dunham.

I cherish her ability to make everything about her. Her chronic narcissism is just one of those things I can rely on in these trying times.



## Gigi Hadid accused of racism

They say ignorance is bliss. But honestly? Ignorance is just ignorance.

Over the weekend, Bella Hadid shared a video of sister Gigi that some people — including me — are quite offended by. In it, 21-year-old Gigi is shown giggling and squinting at a birthday dinner, holding up a cookie with a Buddha's face on it.

Bella quickly deleted the post, which should tell you something, but we all know that nothing on the internet ever dies.

In Gigi's head, to be fair, I'm sure she's not thinking about how she's mocking an entire race for her own benefit. She's just hanging

out with her girls, having a good time, basking in her ignorance! You know, just being a cool kid or whatever.

Us Weekly notes that Twitter wasn't so kind to Gigi, with many people calling the video disrespectful, offensive and racist.

Then for some reason, Gigi's mother, "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star Yolanda Foster, came to her defense, proving that ignorance is just a cool trait that runs in the family.

"Only a toxic mind will perceive hugging a chocolate laughing Buddha as racist..... #PracticeHappiness #PracticeKindness," Foster wrote on Twitter.



## Christie Brinkley stuns in the SI Swimsuit Issue

Christie Brinkley posed for the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue, and she looks fantastic. Sports Illustrated posted the gorgeous photo on Instagram, saying "Christie Brinkley is BACK in SI Swimsuit ... and this time she's bringing her daughters!"

In the post, the 63-year-old model pos-



es alongside Alexa Ray Joel and Sailor Brinkley Cook in a black mesh one-piece.

What an insanely genetically blessed family. May we all look this dang good in a flimsy swimsuit made of basketball netting at age 63. It's probably not going to happen, but a girl can dream.

## Rosie O'Donnell volunteers to play Steve Bannon on 'SNL'

Comedian Rosie O'Donnell took to Twitter to let her fans know she's willing and able. "I am here to serve — Alec has Trump — Melissa has Spice — I would need a few days to prepare — so if called — I will be ready," she wrote. Not sure what all of those dashes are about, but I guess you don't need to be able to write proper sentences to play Steve Bannon, anyway. The former "View" host seems to have been inspired by Melissa

McCarthy's portrayal of press secretary Sean Spicer on "SNL." And it probably helps that she and Donald Trump have been in an epic feud for decades.

Trump famously insulted O'Donnell during the Republican debates in 2015, and in 2006 called her "a woman out of control." Sigh. Trump was silent after last week's "SNL," but if O'Donnell visits Studio 8H, I am very sure he'll have something to say.



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# Elijah thinks he's 'Girls' leading man

Andrew Rannells talks Elijah's disarming ego.



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Elijah is, low-key, our favorite character on "Girls." Played by acclaimed Broadway actor Andrew Rannells ("Book of Mormon," "Hamilton," "Falsettos"), Hannah's gay ex-boyfriend and current roommate/bestie provides much-needed comic relief and a respite from the girls' drama.

The 38-year-old actor, who lives in New York City by way of Omaha, Nebraska, talks with us ahead of "Girls" final season (out Sunday, Feb. 12), about snorting fake cocaine with Lena Dunham and how his sassy character really believes this show is about him.

**So, Elijah got his heart broken at the end of last season.**

Majorly. We left him in not the best place. He



Andrew Rannells plays Elijah, Hannah's gay ex-boyfriend and current roommate/bestie on "Girls." CRAIG BLANKENHORN/HBO

was getting drunk with Loreen [Hannah's mom, played by actress Becky Ann Baker] on the street. Maybe not his finest moment.

I was very proud of that storyline, and that Corey Stoll joined us for it, because it was really nice to show that side of Elijah, that he does aspire to have more, to have a relationship.

**The Elijah-Hannah dynamic manages to avoid the trope of the stock gay best friend character.**

I never felt like I was her sidekick. She always made Elijah feel like he was the star of the show. So, in playing him, I very much felt like I didn't have to just be the sassy friend. I think in Elijah's mind, "Girls" is about him. He feels like this is his show. If you were to ask him, he'd be like, "Well, I am the lead of 'Girls' and all these girls operate around me." And that's how they wrote it.

Every scene he's in, he's taking charge and being an a—hole.

**His narcissism somehow doesn't bother me as much as it does with other characters, like Jessa or Marnie.**

I know, people have said that to me. I wonder why, because I find him to be just as unlikeable in some ways. But I do feel like I had a very specific role in getting to somehow be the voice of the audience. To tell the [girls] off, or say things about them that the audience was thinking: calling them selfish, saying that Marnie's the worst — I feel like people responded to that.

**Any favorite episodes or scenes from**

**your time on the show?**  
My favorite, selfishly, was getting to do cocaine

off a toilet seat with Lena [Season 2, Episode 3, "Bad Friend"]. That whole experience, Lena and I getting to run around the city and act like idiots, and do fake cocaine. Such a funny script and such a crazy episode.

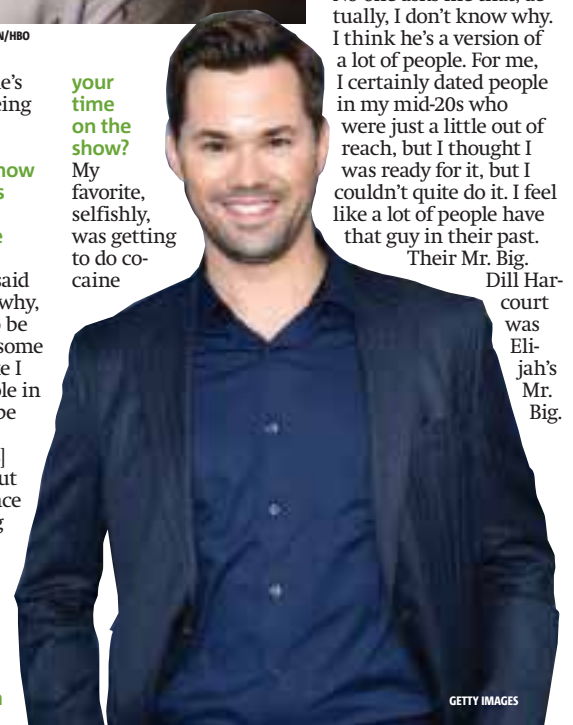
**How do you do "fake cocaine"?**

It was vitamin B powder. I do remember there was a weird placebo effect of lining it up and doing it. And because it was vitamin B, you'd get a little rush from it. We did start to feel high at a certain point. It was silly fun.

**You might get asked this a lot, but who is Corey Stoll's character Dill Harcourt based on?**

No one asks me that, actually, I don't know why. I think he's a version of a lot of people. For me, I certainly dated people in my mid-20s who were just a little out of reach, but I thought I was ready for it, but I couldn't quite do it. I feel like a lot of people have that guy in their past. Their Mr. Big.

Dill Harcourt was Elijah's Mr. Big.



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# Common wants balance

The rapper-actor talks about working on the fun "John Wick" and the serious "13th."



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On his albums, Common is compassionate, thoughtful, gentle. In "John Wick: Chapter 2" he's a brutal, fearsome killer. The rapper-actor contains multitudes; just witness the two fight scenes he has with Keanu Reeves. The latter returns as the super-assassin reluctantly lured out of retirement. This time, John Wick is pursued by most of NYC's killers for hire, including one played by Common. But making the sequel wasn't only about pain; Common got to go to Italy, learn a little Italian, as well as shoot in

New York, his favorite city in the world — no knock on his hometown of Chicago, his "most enduring and loved city," he tells us.

**Your two big fights are intense, especially since they're the toughest ones you've ever done onscreen before.**

I'm happy to do it. My first conversation with Chad Stahelski [the director], I said, "I want to be the Muhammad Ali of this. I want to be one of the greats." I mean, I won't be the greatest. But when it comes to fighting in films, I want to be high level.



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**Among other things, this movie offers a great escape from the world, even if you know you have to return to it.**

I was talking to someone who said,



Common fights Keanu Reeves in "John Wick: Chapter 2." NIKO TAVERNISE

"Some days I want to change the world, and some days I want to escape from the world." I feel that, too. If "John Wick: Chapter 2" will let me escape, and will be fun and of high quality, that's what I want to see.

**Experts are talking about the importance of unplugging now and then, allowing your brain to rest from the news.** Exactly. It's like anything in life: You don't

## The future

Are there any kinds of roles in particular you're looking for? I'm definitely looking for dynamic characters, powerful characters that have many sides to them. I'm also open to playing superheroes, though they'd have to have some soul to them, some depth. I'm open to play someone real, like Gil Scott-Heron, who was a musician who was conflicted, or a lawyer who's dealing with lots of different things. I like to show the range and dynamics of who we are as humans.

want to overload. You can take it in, then you go other places. Some days you need to be outside and enjoy things, and other days you have to go into the office and handle your business. I'm grateful to be a part of "John Wick: Chapter 2," but I'm also grateful to be a part of "13th."

**That would make a good double feature: Go see escapist fun, then go on Netflix and watch Ava DuVernay's**

I would love to see a Gil Scott-Heron film. I'm producing films now, and that's one I'd love to do.

**Would you play him as well?** I would love to play him. "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised," "The Bottle," "We Almost Lost Detroit" — these are songs that have impacted me. His voice has meant something to me as an artist. He was a beautiful human being who had his own fallacies he was battling. I have my own issues I fight with. Everyone does.

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Yeah, man. That's what helps us become well-rounded individuals. None of us can be serious all the time, or party all the time. I love to take on roles like this because it gives me a chance to show the diaspora of who I am, the depths of who I am as an actor. I'm looking for even greater roles, to show more aspects of myself.

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Seven unexpected collaborations that will rock this year's Grammy Awards.



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Between Brexit, Donald Trump and Lochtegate, you could definitely say that 2016 was the year when things got weird — and music was no exception.

This year's Grammy nominations include tons of crossover collaborations between some of the unlikely artists in the music industry. For the days when you feel like exploring some genre-bending songs, here are some of the most unexpected (and for the most part, exhilarating) music pairings to come out of past year.

### "Forgive Me Father"

DJ Khaled ft. Meghan Trainor

**Nomination:** DJ Khaled's "Major Key" for Best Rap Album

The Snapchat king's ninth album includes guest appearances from some of the biggest names in hip-hop, but it also includes a track with one of the wildest trios we've ever heard of: Wiz Khalifa, Wale and Meghan Trainor. Lending her softer vocals to the hook, the "All About That Bass" singer proves she can break out of doo-wop pop through this inspirational closing track about redemption and religion.



[We never thought that country singer Kenny Chesney would perform a romantic duet with a female pop rocker like P!nk — but somehow it works. The feelgood song off of Chesney's album "Cosmic Hallelujah" starts with some laid back acoustic guitar, but all bets are off once P!nk comes onto the scene, transforming the song into a more rock-influenced piece with louder chords and a brief electric guitar solo.

### "Jolene"

Pentatonix ft. Dolly Parton  
**Nomination:** Best Country Duo/Group Performance

Plenty of artists have covered Parton's classic 1973 single "Jolene," but none do so quite as masterfully as a cappella group Pentatonix. Combine Parton's vocals with the pop group's beatboxing, harmonizing and clapping, and you get a refreshing rendition of the song that definitely merits a Grammy nod.



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## It takes two

### "Love Yourself"

Co-written by Justin Bieber and Ed Sheeran  
**Nomination:** Song of the Year

What do the chaotic Canadian popstar and the sensitive folk-singing Englishman have in common? Their mamas don't like you — and they like everyone. Though Sheeran's fans were sad to see him take an extended hiatus through 2016, they weren't left with nothing

— the frequent collaborator helped co-write Bieber's smash breakup single, "Love Yourself."

### "Cheap Thrills"

— Sia and Sean Paul  
**Nomination:** Best Pop Duo/Group Performance

Though we definitely loved the original, Sia-only version of this song, the remix — featuring OG dancehall artist Sean Paul — truly

made this song stick out. The dancehall tune combines two of our faves: a bass-thumping beat and rap-reggae. Reminding us that the best things in life are free — cut to chorus: "I don't need dollar bills to have fun tonight" — "Cheap Thrills" immediately became the de facto summer anthem of 2016.

### "Don't Hurt Yourself"

Beyoncé ft. Jack White  
**Nomination:** Best Rock Performance

This song helped Beyoncé make Grammy history — not only is she

nominated for the most number of Grammys this year (she's up for a whopping nine awards), but she's also the first artist in history to earn nominations across the pop, rock, R&B and rap categories all in the same year. Supported by White Stripes frontman Jack White, Beyoncé made her bold debut into the realm of rock n' roll with "Don't Hurt Yourself," a Led Zeppelin-inspired track that makes for a killer feminist anthem.

### "Setting the World on Fire"

Kenny Chesney ft. P!nk  
**Nomination:** Best Country Duo/Group Performance

### "Leave Me Lonely"

Ariana Grande ft. Macy Gray  
**Nomination:** Best Pop Vocal Album

R&B veteran Macy Gray and pop diva Ariana Grande team up on this bluesy tune that effortlessly highlights both artists' signature vocal styles, combining Gray's raspy crooning with Grande's powerful belts and riffs. The jazzy piano chords, heavy percussion and gospel backing make "Leave Me Lonely" hauntingly beautiful, easily distinguishing it as the standout track on Grande's "Dangerous Woman."

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# Jets ready to tackle free agency head on

Expect Gang Green to bring in a veteran QB.

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While the Patriots are celebrating their fifth Super Bowl win, the Jets have long been preparing their free agency contingency plan.

No matter who they sign — or retain — this offseason, the Jets aren't anywhere near the elite level of their hated rival, but to at least get back to respectability and to start competing for a wild-card slot, the Jets need to start somewhere.

March 9 begins the new NFL calendar year, which general manager Mike Maccagnan is fully aware of, so he undoubtedly already has a wish list of players to call once the free agency period commences. Whether it's retaining his own valuable players or poaching another team's free agents, the Jets need to add some talent to the roster.

## Quarterback

New York is unlikely to bring back Fitzpatrick or Geno Smith, which means the team is definitely looking to add a veteran quarterback as insurance for next season, while they take a long look at their youngsters, Bryce Petty and Christian Hackenberg.

Near the top of most teams' wish list will be free agent quarterback Mike Glennon. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers backup has completed 59.4 percent of his passes for 4,100 yards, 30 touchdowns, and 15 interceptions in 21 career appearances. Glennon, who owns a 5-13 record as a starter, was a third-round pick by the Buccaneers in the 2013. His touchdown-to-interception ratio is rather good, which makes him an attractive option. The Jets could use someone like that under center, considering their signal callers placed last in turnover differential in 2016. Jets quarterbacks also compiled a league-worst 67.6 quarterback rating



Matt Schaub, who spent this past season as Matt Ryan's backup in Atlanta, will be available in free agency. GETTY IMAGES

## Unrestricted free agent QBs

Kirk Cousins, Redskins  
Case Keenum, LA Rams  
Shaun Hill, Minnesota Vikings  
Matt Schaub, Atlanta Falcons  
Matt McGloin, Oakland Raiders

E.J. Manuel, Buffalo Bills  
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Mark Sanchez, Dallas Cowboys  
Brian Hoyer, Chicago Bears

last season and threw a league-high 25 interceptions.

Brian Hoyer is another option, as the veteran journeyman has playoff experience, is a great locker room guy, displays little ego, and is a willing teacher of young quarterbacks. Injuries and inconsistencies have plagued him, but he's also shown a penchant of playing above his means and can get hot and stay hot for stretches. Hoyer will soon be an unrestricted free agent, and it's unlikely the Chicago Bears will bring him back. The eight-year veteran will likely come cheap on the open market.

Shaun Hill is another veteran, much like Hoyer, who won't be an overly-affordable addition, also displays little ego in helping younger guys get better, and is a noted great locker room guy. Hill, who played

for the Minnesota Vikings last season, has over a decade's worth of experience.

Depending on whether he follows prospective 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan to San Francisco, Atlanta Falcons backup Matt Schaub could be a viable option for Gang Green. Also an unrestricted free agent, Schaub is another good veteran quarterback that would be a solid fit with the Jets. Playing for 13 seasons in the NFL, Schaub is a journeyman by nature, but has been to the playoffs, is plus-43 in career touchdowns to interceptions, and is a two-time Pro Bowler with a career mark of 47-45 as a starter. He'd merely be a bridge to the future, but for a guy who's accustomed to signing one-year contracts, as he did in his two previous stops in Oakland and Atlanta, Schaub would be the perfect fit.



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It looks like LeBron James has lost his smile.

The Cavaliers' superstar shredded Charles Barkley last week and this week he destroyed NY Daily News writer Frank Isola for reporting that LeBron had asked the Cavs to trade for Knicks star Carmelo Anthony even if they have to part with Kevin Love.

"It's trash. And the guy who wrote it is trash, too," LeBron said of Isola. "That's just outside noise for us right now." Isola then called BS on LeBron during an interview

with Sirius XM.

"When he said 'trash,' he meant 'trash' for coming out when it did," Isola said. "It's almost like on an off-day, maybe I'd be OK with it. But don't write it — don't

have the story come out right before we play a game."



## PINKY RING

Two years ago, Julian Edelman had 109 yards receiving in the Patriots' 28-24 win over the Seahawks in Super Bowl 49. Hours later, he spent the evening with a young lady, and the young lady posted a picture of a sleeping Edelman on Tinder with a caption that read, "Just f—ed Edelman, no lie."

In the aftermath of this year's Super Bowl, it looks like Edelman has matured a tad. He kept his shirt on in the parade Tuesday in Boston, and there are no pictures or videos of his sexual

exploits floating around the internet today. The only real Edelman news that came up this time is that he apparently has a right pinky finger that doesn't bend ... like, at all. It makes his juggling catch against the Falcons that much more incredible, but it also might be time for him to Ronnie Lott that bad boy.



## PLAYBOOKS & PBRs

If the best way to deal with depression from a soul-crushing loss is to drink yourself into oblivion, then the Falcons made the correct choice in hiring former USC head coach Steve Sarkisian as their new OC. Sarkisian is best

remembered for showing up hammered to a USC football practice in October of 2015 as well as a USC athletics event that year.

"Get ready to f—in' fight on, baby! Let's gooooo!" Sarkisian said while slurring his words at a Trojans pep rally.

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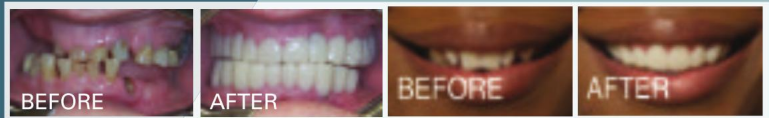
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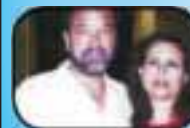
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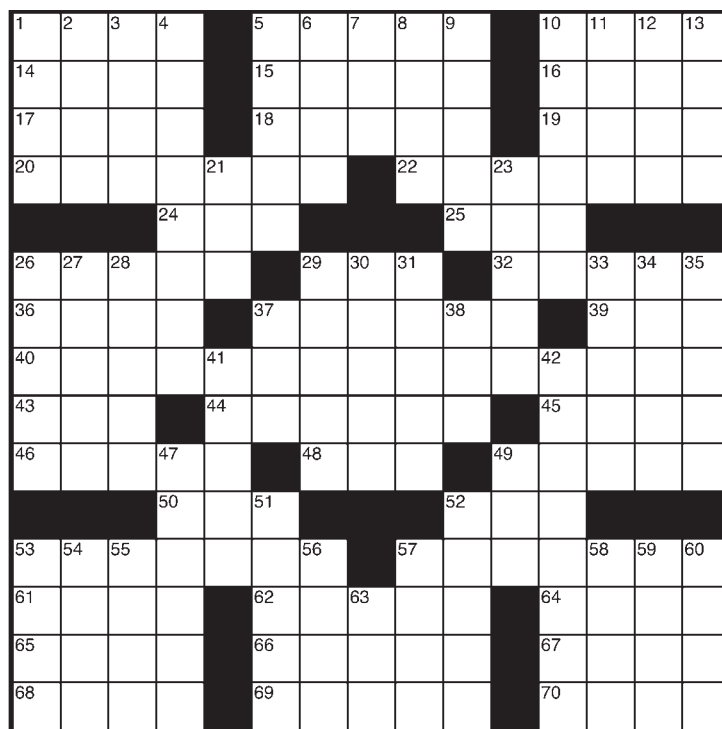
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- 67 Falling-out
- 68 Afflictions
- 69 Vestige
- 70 Lampreys

**Down**

- 1 Modern-speed unit
- 2 Low voice
- 3 Caboose's spot
- 4 Tall beer glass
- 5 -- Picchu
- 6 Heavy hydrogen discoverer
- 7 Rapper Tone --

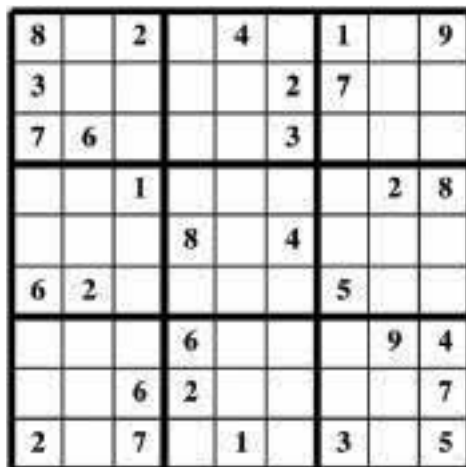
- 8 Kuwaiti leader
- 9 "Cheers" in Chihuahua
- 10 Warm and friendly
- 11 Nefertiti's god
- 12 Ruin a nylon
- 13 Greer and Roach
- 21 Naughty, naughty!
- 23 Spring fragrance
- 26 Throng
- 27 Nevada lake
- 28 Be of benefit
- 29 Acts sullen
- 30 UHF part
- 31 Twirler's gear
- 33 Robin of balladry
- 34 Tinier than mini
- 35 Lopsided
- 37 "The Situation Room" network
- 38 Two, in Tijuana
- 41 Ate elegantly
- 42 Drill
- 47 Willow shoots
- 49 RNs provide it
- 51 Ration
- 52 Dancing Castle
- 53 Start of a famous boast
- 54 Goddess's statue
- 55 Strad
- 56 Century unit
- 57 With, in Paris
- 58 Cat's-paw
- 59 Etc. kin (2 wds.)
- 60 Mach 1 breakers
- 63 APB datum

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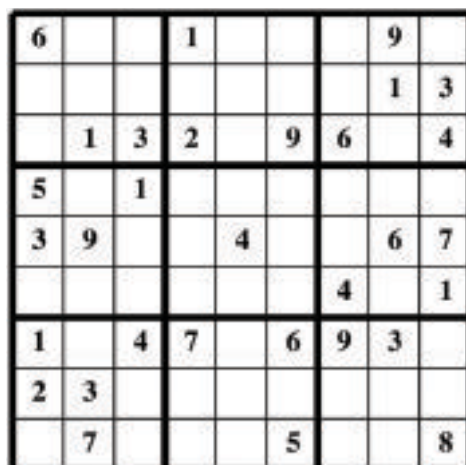


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easy



hard



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**Aries** Emotions will be difficult to control. Overreacting or doing something impulsive will cause problems within important relationships. Think before you speak.



**Taurus** Get together with friends or relatives or do something that will inspire you to begin a creative project. Don't let uncertainty interfere with your beliefs or lifestyle.



**Gemini** Think before you take on too much or let your emotions interfere with an important matter. Don't feel that you have to part with your cash to impress someone.



**Cancer** You'll be impulsive and excessive if you let your emotions take control. Separate yourself from any situation that may cost you emotionally, financially or physically.



**Leo** Refuse to let anyone upset you. Emotions will get in the way of good judgment. Stay focused on yourself and being the best you can be. Charm will help you.



**Virgo** Emotions must be dealt with sensibly. You can feel sorry for someone, but don't take on problems that don't belong to you, or you will be blamed for meddling.



**Libra** A change of plans will play in your favor. If you take the path of least resistance, you will have time left over to spend enjoyably with a loved one.



**Scorpio** Step outside your comfort zone. You will discover something interesting about who you are and what you are capable of doing. Don't hesitate to experiment.



**Sagittarius** If you put some muscle behind the changes you want to make at home, you will accomplish them. Emotional interference will arise if you go over budget.



**Capricorn** Uncertainty must not be allowed to lead you into a vulnerable situation. Face whatever comes your way head-on, so that you can go about your business.



**Aquarius** Refuse to get caught up in someone else's dilemma. Acknowledge what others do, but proceed down a path that will ensure your happiness and success.



**Pisces** Offer to help others, you will create good karma. What you put out, you will get back. Kindness and consideration will suffice, so don't be indulgent. **EUGENIA LAST**

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